A Nation Emerges Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 1

**American Identity: A Result of Cultural Interaction**

**World Cultures in the 1400’s**

Use space below to take notes on the important characteristics of your assigned world culture. To guide your thinking, here are a few questions that your notes could answer:

Reading: *The Americans* iBook

**Native Americans**: Chapter 1.2, pp 25-32

**West Africans**: Chapter 1.3, pp 37-43

**Europeans**: Chapter 1.4, pp 48-54

*How was this society organized?*

*What were the roles of women/men/children?*

*What kind of trade took place in this society?*

*Who holds the power?*

*What kind of technology does this society have access to?*

*What type of religion exists in this society?*

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| Native American Society | West African Society | European Society |
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**Formative Assignment: Written Reflection**

On a separate piece of paper answer the three reflection questions below. Each question should be answered in a three to four sentence paragraph. You reflections will count as a formative assignment grade.

1. What similarities can you find among these three world cultures?
2. Think about the differences among these three cultures. What types of conflicts could arise once these societies start interacting with one another?
3. Think about our discussion on the theme of American cultural identity. Can you see evidence of these three distinct societies on modern American culture?